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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir,

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims ~~5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10~~: please delete without prejudice.

Claim ~~14~~, line 4 and 5, ~~delete~~, "or a fatty acid of formula (III) as defined in claim 13".  
Please add the following new claims 18 to 24:

-- 18. A method of treating a patient in need of a cytokine production inhibitor, which method comprises administering thereto a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in claim 1.

19. A method according to claim 18 wherein the cytokine production inhibitor is an

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